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ADHESIVELY ATTACHED GRADIENT COIL SYSTEM"

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S I R:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,531,870
AB United States Patent No. 6,107,799
AC United States Patent No. 6,075,363
AD United States Patent No. 5,574,084
AE United States Patent No. 5,570,021
AL European Application 0 362 931

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The respective German counterparts to References AA through AE, together with Reference AL, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application.

Additionally, the respective German counterparts to References AA, (German OS 101 56 770 AB (German OS 197 22 481) were identified and discussed in the

present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

No further comments are necessary for the references that are in English. An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language Abstract is attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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